

BEALES - *Beales*

Beales Family

DANIEL BEALES

SUSANNE BEALES

CURTIS BEALES

BORN 1779 MAY 28TH
DIED 1840 AUG. 9TH

EVAN EVANS

SARAH EVANS

HANNAH EVANS

BORN 1786 MAY 4TH
DIED

CURTIS BEALES MARRIED AUG 30TH 1801 HANNAH EVANS

CHILDREN

REFERENCE
DO NOT CIRCULATE

L. BEALES 10 MO. 1802
SARAH BEALES 19TH OF 12 MO. 1804
JACOB BEALES 26TH OF 8 MO. 1807
PHEBE BEALES 13TH OF 10 MO. 1808
PLEASANT BEALES 21ST OF 9 MO. 1810
ELIZABETH BEALES 22ND OF 4 MO. 1812
DANIEL BEALES 22ND OF 7 MO. 1814
HESTER BEALES 20TH OF 6 MO. 1817
ATLANTIC BEALES 6TH OF 2 MO. 1819
MARY H. BEALES 25TH OF 5 MO. 1821
SUSANNA BEALES 25TH OF 11 MO. 1823 DIED 10TH DAY OF 12 MO. 1823
JESSE BEALES 24TH OF 8 MO. 1825 DIED 13TH DAY OF 9 MO. 1840
ERIN BEALES 25TH OF 11 MO. 1827
EVAN BEALES 25TH OF 11 MO. 1827 DIED JULY 7TH 1859
EURTIS BEALES 22ND OF 1 MO. 1830

EVAN BEALES MARRIED LOUISA HESTER

DIED MARCH 1ST 1862

CHILDREN

MELINDA JANE BEALES NOV 29TH 1847 DIED JULY 7TH 1859
MELISSA ANN BEALES JUNE 12 1849 DIED
ARTHUR S. BEALES JULY 1ST 1851 DIED JULY 30 1902
HARRY ALEXANDER BEALES MARCH 19TH 1853 DIED MARCH 11 1862
JOHN Q. BEALES DEC 20 1855
WILLIAM O. BEALES DEC 31 1858
LENICES BENTON BEALES 1861 DIED MARCH 1ST 1862
JOHN BALES DEC 20 1855
MARY BEE FRENCH DAUGHTER OF BRIDGET SUMPTON BORN JUNE 21 1858
DIED JULY 4 1858
GEORGE M. FRENCH BORN 1830 DIED 1910 MARRIED 1850
JOHN BALES
MARY BEE FRENCH MARRIED APRIL 10 1876

CHILDREN

LEONA BEALES JAN 4 1878 DIED 1879
ROYAL BALES SEPT 29 1879 DIED
CLIFFORD BALES JUNE 23 1883
CLARENCE BALES
LEO DALLAS BALES FEB 28TH 1886 DIED
FERN BALES SEPT 29 1890
VIOLET BALES NOV 2 1893

PAUL HOBART JUNE 8 1896
VIVIAN ALICE SEPT 19 1899 DIED

CLIFFORD BALES MARRIED EVYLN OPAL ALLEN OCT 31 1903
EVYLN OPAL DAUGHTER OF JULIA ANN ATKINSON AND EBINNEZER ALLEN
BORN NOV 25 1882

CHILDREN OF CLIFFORD BALES AND EVYLN BALES

MILDRED CELESTE BALES BORN OCT 28 1904
DORIS EVYLN BALES BORN AUG 31 1908
FRED ALLEN BALES BORN DEC 8 1910
CLIFFORD BALES JR BORN JAN 21 1918

FRED ALLEN BALES MARRIED ELSIE BELLE FULLER DEC 28 1935

DORIS E. BALES MARRIED ORLANDO COUCH JULY 25 1936

MILDRED G. BALES MARRIED HERMAN JULIUS ERMISCH JULY 10 1928

CHILDREN BORN

LINDA LEE ERMISCH OCT 29 1926
JOHN BALES ERMISCH MAY 26 1932

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PREFACE

Gershom Perdue's "Memoranda" has appeared in varied versions- where it has suffered errors, omissions and paraphrasing. One example is the Chronology of the Beals Family by John Beals. This family history was published at Noblesville, Indiana, about 1912.

While abstracting obituaries from a Quaker periodical, the Christian Worker, New Vienna, Ohio, the version published herewith was found.

The "Memoranda" appears in the Christian Worker in three successive issues- Volume I, No. 2 (Third Month, 1871;) No. 3 (Fourth Month, 1871) and No. 4 (Fifth Month, 1871.) As the original manuscript is not known to exist this is as near to it as we may come. It is reprinted with minimal editing.

Perdue is not known to have left any other "historical" accounts. A small copybook of some religious writings is in the Quaker Collection of Wilmington College Library, Wilmington, Ohio.

Gershom Perdue was born 12th month 28, 1790, in Bedford county, Virginia. His parents were Mentor and Jemima Perdue. His father died when he was seven years of age. In 1813 he removed to near the present site of Leesburg, Highland county, Ohio, within the limits of Fairfield Monthly Meeting. He served as clerk of this monthly meeting and for many years as a correspondent. In later life he stood in the station of an Elder.

In 1818 he married at Miami Meeting to Elizabeth Dukemineer. Following her death he married at Goshen Meeting to Abigail Moise. By the first wife he had Hannah. By the second he had Elizabeth, Esther, Isaac, Jacob, Mentor Pimm, Eliza and Thomas Kite.

He died at his residence in New Martinsburg, Fayette county, Ohio, on 18th of Second Month 1885- a member of Hopewell Monthly Meeting.

-W. H.
Indianapolis

INTRODUCTION

At the request of my dear friends, William Foster, of England, and Enoch Lewis, of Philadelphia, the following brief and imperfect memoranda has been prepared. It has cost me much time and labor to collect and arrange the material for it, and I only regret that it had not fallen into hands who could have performed the task better than I have done. It is now published for the first time, in the hope that it may prove interesting and instructive, at least to the decendants of the worthy pioneers whose names are mentioned in it. Both the dear friends at whose request it was prepared had gone to their rest before it was completed. It is written in the form of a letter to Wm. Foster.

New Martinsburg, Fayette Co, O
Third Month 6th, 1871

William Foster: *My beloved Friend,*

The first item of family record I have been able to find stated that Thomas Beals, the subject of this memoir, was born in Chester county, Pennsylvania, in the Third Month, 1719, son of John and Sarah Beals - formerly Sarah Bowater, of the family of Friends of that name in England. Thomas Beals had two brothers, John and Bowater, and four sisters. Prudence married Richard Williams; Sarah married John Mills; Mary married Thomas Hunt (Mary Beals was married to William Baldwin after the death of Thomas Hunt;) Phebe married Robert Sumner; John Beals, jr, married Esther Hunt; Bowater Beals married Ann Cook, sister to Isaac Cook (husband to Charity Cook;) Thomas Beals married Sarah Ankrum.

From that worthy man, John Beals, descended a very large number, say some thousands of the present members of the now widely extended yearly meetings of Indiana, Western, and Iowa, and in the western limits of Ohio Yearly Meeting, and some yet remaining in North Carolina and Philadelphia Yearly Meetings. On many of those descendants precious gifts in the ministry have been conferred. Like gifts of living ministry have been conferred on several directly connected by marriage in the family. Among those in direct descent were-

Thomas Beals	Bowater Beals	Sarah Mills
Ruth Hockett	Hannah Cloud	Nathan Hunt
Hannah Baldwin	Elizabeth Bond	Peter Dix
Benajah Hiatt	John Bond	Jesse Williams
Jesse Hockett	- all deceased	

Assenath Clark	Miriam Mendenhall	Daniel Williams
Eleazar Beals	Asaph Hiatt	Ruth Haisley
Naomy Coffin	Esther Carson	Levi Jessop

- yet living

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Connected by marriage-

William Hunt	Joseph Cloud	Jacob Jackson
Priscilla Hunt	Dougan Clark	- deceased
Calvin Wasson	Sarah M. Hiatt	Benjamin Fulghum
James Owen	- yet living, and it is presumed several others, both deceased and living, unknown to the writer.	

From Chester county, as it then was, John Beals moved with his family to Monocacy, Carrol's Mannor, Maryland. At what time or how long they stayed at this place I have no account; but while here his son Thomas married. From Monocacy *they* moved to Opequon, now Hopewell, near Winchester, Virginia. I find it stated that John Beals died in the year 1745, three years before the family moved to North Carolina, but did not say where he died. I presume it was in Virginia.

Thomas Beals moved with his family to North Carolina in the year 1748, being then twenty-nine years old, and resided some time at Cane Creek; then, with his family, accompanied by two young men, whose names I do not recollect, removed to New Garden, now Guilford county, North Carolina, where no other white persons then lived. Here they were subjected to much privation and suffering for the necessities of life.

In a very short time we find Richard Williams, John Mills, John Beals, Bowater Beals, Thomas Hunt, and Robert Sumner settled near them. In the year 1753, Thomas Beals being then about thirty-four years of age, came forth in the ministry. Near which time William Hunt, a youth of about twenty years of age, then a largely gifted minister, who probably lived with his elder brother, Thomas, married Sarah, daughter of John Mills, granddaughter of John Beals, sen, and mother of Nathan Hunt. Here I leave this very interesting little colony, with others, building up New Garden Monthly Meeting, from which many other meetings soon sprang up, and proceed with the narrative of Thomas Beals.

How long he lived at New Garden I have no account, but presume it was several years. The next move he made was to Westfield, Surry county,

North Carolina, of which I have no date. Here he also built up a large meeting. At the two latter places he must have lived nearly thirty years, during which time he paid several extensive religious visits to the Indian natives.

In the year 1775, twenty years before Wayne's treaty with the Indians at Greenville, Thomas Beals, accompanied by his nephew, Bowater Sumner, William Hiatt, and David Ballard, started to pay a religious visit to the Shawnee and Delaware tribes of Indians and some others, and after passing a fort not far from Clinch mountain, in Virginia or Kentucky, they were arrested and carried back to the fort to be tried for their lives, on charge of being confederate with the hostile Indians. The officers understanding that one of them was a preacher, required a sermon before they went into trial. Thomas Beals felt it right to hold a meeting with the soldiers, which proved to be a highly favored season.

A young man then in the fort was convinced, and some time after he moved among Friends and became a member, and in very advanced age bore public testimony to the truth of the principles of which he was convinced in the fort. After this precious meeting was over, the Friends were kindly entertained and set at full liberty to proceed on their journey. They crossed the Ohio River at some point below Pittsburg, into what is now the State of Ohio, and eastern limits of Indiana Yearly Meeting, and held many meetings with the Indians to satisfaction, and returned home with much peace of mind; and Thomas Beals told his friends that he saw, with his spiritual eye, the seeds of Friends scattered all over that good land, and that one day there would be the greatest gathering of Friends there that was in the world; and that his faith was strong *that he would live to see Friends settled north of the Ohio river.*

In the year 1777, Thomas Beals, accompanied by William Robinson, having Isaac Ottoman for interpreter, started to pay a religious visit to the Six Nations and some other tribes of Indians, and proceeded as far as

Sewicly, a small meeting of Friends in the western part of Pennsylvania, where they were taken up and carried to Hannalstown, not far from Fort Pitt, now Pittsburg, and were detained some time and then sent home. But still having a concern on his mind for them, made another trial to reach them; but was again taken up and imprisoned some time, under guard, in a cold, open barn. When he was let out of confinement he was permitted by the Coroner, who had charge of him, to hold a meeting with the soldiers, but was not permitted to go any further, but had to return home. At what date this last visit occurred, or who accompanied him, I am not informed.

In the year 1781, Thomas Beals moved from Westfield to Blue Stone, Gyles county, Virginia, where they lived but a few years. While here, their sufferings were very great in many ways, not only for the necessaries of life, but their son-in-law, James Horton, was taken prisoner by the Indians, and, from the most reliable information that could be obtained, was taken to Old Chillicothe, now Frankfort, Ohio, and there put to death. This move does not appear to have been approved of by his friends, for Nathan Hunt says they sent a committee to move him back to Westfield, North Carolina. The little meeting of twenty or thirty families was entirely broken up at Blue Stone.

In the year 1785 he moved to Lost Creek, in Tennessee, and in the year 1793 removed to Greyson county, Virginia, at which several places Nathan Hunt states that Thomas Beals set up meetings, and says that he was very zealous for the support of the testimonies of the Society of Friends. A very plain man, and was, no doubt, an instrument in the hand of the Lord in gathering many to righteousness.

In the year 1795 George Harlen, and Margery his wife, and their sons Aaron, Samuel, and Moses, members of the Society of Friends, moved from Kentucky and settled on the Little Miami at Deerfield, four miles below the present town of Morrow.

In the Eighth Month, 1796, Jesse Baldwin and family, members of the Society of Friends from Westfield, North Carolina, and Phineas Hunt and his family, all members of the Society except himself, at that time, (he soon after became a member,) moved to the Virginia shore of the Ohio River. Here I will note that Mary Hunt, daughter of Phineas and Elizabeth Hunt, was born on the 18th of Tenth Month, 1796, four miles from Point Pleasant, on the Virginia shore.

In the Second Month, 1797, Jesse Baldwin and Phineas Hunt crossed the Ohio River with their families, and settled opposite Green Bottom, near to each other. Two families of Friends now settled together, in the North-Western Territory, with one before mentioned, quite remote from them.

On the 8th day of Fifth Month, the same year, 1797, John Winder, Margaret his wife, and three single children (Abner, Mercy, and Elizabeth,) and son James and his wife, Deborah Winder, and sons-in-law, Isaac Warner and wife, Mary, and their daughter, Lydia, and William Chandler and his wife, Hannah, and Levi Warner, (afterward son-in-law to John Winder,) from Westland, Pennsylvania, settled at High Bank, on the east side of the Scioto River, near the end of the railroad bridge, four miles below where Chillicothe now is.

In the latter part of this year, 1797, Jesse Baldwin, after raising some corn opposite Green Bottom, moved some eighteen miles down the Ohio, and settled in what is called Quaker Bottom, in Lawrence county, Ohio, opposite the mouth of Guyandot River, and present town of that name. Here he was very soon joined by Nathaniel Pope, from Grayson county, Virginia, whose wife, Martha, was a member, and himself some time after. I note this place of more than usual interest, it being the spot where Friends in the North-Western Territory first sat down to hold a meeting for Divine worship, which will be noticed at proper date.

I will here, in order of time, say that John Warner, son of Isaac and

Mary Warner, was born at High Bank, Ross county, Ohio, on the 12th day of Seventh Month, 1798. The first birth of a member of the Society of Friends north-west of the Ohio River; and that on the 11th of the Eleventh Month, the same year, 1798, Rebecca Chandler, daughter of William and Hannah Chandler, was born at or near the same place, both grandchildren of John and Margaret Winder. I presume they are both living - the latter the wife of Alexander Bell, of Iowa, and an Elder in the Church.

In the year above stated, 1798, Samuel Schooley, Cicily, his wife, with some children; Henry Lewis and children, (John, David, and Catherine,) and William Lewis and his wife, Sarah; Evan Evans and wife, Patience, and their children; George Sinclair and family - all from Hopewell, Southland, and that part of Virginia - settled at High Bank.

In the same year Hugh Moffit, his wife, Hannah, and children (Jeremiah, Charles, Joseph, John, Joshua, and several of their wives and some sisters;) William Redish and family, and William Picket, all from North Carolina, settled at Salt Creek, now Richmond, Ross county, Ohio.

In the year 1799 Thomas Beals, who had visited this country twenty-four years before, now moved to Quaker Bottom with his family, and sons, John and Daniel, and their families, and grandson, Able Thornberry; Obediah Overman, Abigail, his wife, and family - all from Grayson county, Virginia. On their arrival they opened a meeting for worship in the dwelling of Jesse Baldwin, which was regularly held during their residence at that place, which they unitedly believed was favored with the Master's presence. The nearest meeting to them was Westland, Pennsylvania. Sometime in this year, 1799, Taylor Webster and Hannah, his wife, and children, John and Susana, from Red Stone, Pennsylvania, settled at Grassy Prairie, five miles north-east from Chillicothe. Meetings after this were occasionally held at Hugh Moffit's, Taylor Webster's, and High Bank.

On the 20th of the Eleventh Month, the same year, 1799, Abijah Oneal, Samuel Kelly, and I think David Pugh, at the same time, from Bush River, South Carolina, settled at Waynesville.

On the 25th of Fourth Month, 1800, David Faulkner and Samuel Painter and their families, and William Walker and wife, Martha, from Hopewell, Virginia, settled at Waynesville, leaving their certificates at Westland, Pennsylvania, on their way. Near the same time Amaziah Beeson, from New Hope, Tennessee, and Enos Haines, from Crooked Run, Virginia, with their families, settled at Waynesville.

In the summer of this year, 1800, Joseph Cloud, from North Carolina, and Jacob Jackson, from Tennessee, ministers, paid a visit to Ohio, held their first meetings at George Harlan's, Deerfield; then proceeded to Waynesville and held one or two meetings there, and, lastly, one at High Bank. This meeting and that at Deerfield were those alluded to in the memorial of Joseph Cloud on their way to and from Waynesville.

On the 25th of Third Month, 1801, Rollin Richards, a minister, Ezekiel Cleaver, David Holloway, and Levi Lukins, at or near the same time, with their families, from Hopewell and Southland, Virginia, settled at Waynesville. They also left their certificates at Westland, Pennsylvania, and requested the privilege of holding a meeting for worship in Waynesville, which was not granted.

In the spring of the year 1801, Thomas Beals, Jesse Baldwin, John Beals, and Daniel Beals moved from Quaker Bottom, and they, with Enoch Cox and their families, settled on Salt Creek, near the present town of Adelphia. At this place, Grassy Prairie, High Bank, and Hugh Moffit's, meetings were held by Friends of the several settlements coming together at such places as circumstances most favored.

On the 26th of Fourth Month, the same year, 1801, Friends in and near Waynesville, consisting of twenty-four parents and fifty-seven children, united in holding a meeting for worship, which was attended that day by

Roland Richards, Lydia Richards, Abijah Oneal, Anna Oneal, Ezekiel Cleaver, Abigail Cleaver, David Holloway, Hannah Holloway, David Faulkner, Judith Faulkner, David Pugh, Rachel Pugh, James Mills, Lydia Mills, Samuel Kelly, Hannah Kelly, William Walker, Martha Walker, David Painter, Martha Painter, Levi Lukins, Anna Lukins, and others, in Ezekiel Cleaver's house, in Waynesville, and continued to be held on each First-day.

On the 29th of Eighth Month, 1801, Thomas Beals died, and was buried on the 31st of the same month, near Richmond, Ross county, in a coffin of regular shape hewed out of a solid white-walnut tree by his ever faithful friend, Jesse Baldwin, assisted by Enoch Cox and others. The coffin was covered with a slab from the same tree, which tree was selected for the purpose by the deceased while living. The coffin was not hollowed by burning, as stated by Mary Howett, of England, in her book to her cousins in Ohio.

Around the grave of that truly devoted man, with that of William Pickett, Hugh Moffit, Sarah Hiatt, and others, the meeting for Sufferings of Indiana Yearly Meeting, very recently caused a permanent stone wall to be built, where no friends reside. A meeting-house was some time after built on the land, then belonging to the Moffit family, and a meeting held there for some time. The burying ground at this place, and that near it, first used, were donated by the latter owner to the writer, and, at his request, the title was made to trustees appointed by the meeting for Sufferings of Indiana Yearly Meeting, as property of said Yearly Meeting. They are now both properly inclosed.

About the year 1802, John Winder, with most of his children and their families, moved west of the Scioto, and settled on Dry Run, some six miles above Chillicothe, where they, with some friendly neighbors, (several of whom afterward joined in religious fellowship with Friends) opened a meeting for worship, which in due time was noticed on record, and continued until the year 1828. To this meeting Taylor Webster and John Trimble and their families belonged in their latter time.

In the spring of 1802 James Hayworth and family, members of Society, Nathaniel Pope and John Walter - the wives of the two latter only were then members - settled on Lee's Creek, in and near where the present town of Leesburg now stands, in Highland county, Ohio, where no white person before lived.

In the fall of the same year, 1802, Sarah Beals, widow of Thomas Beals, and her sons, John and Daniel Beals, and their families, moved from Adelpia, and Phineas Hunt and family from Raccoon Falls, and all settled at Lee's Creek and Harden's Creek, near each other. I will here state that before this date Jacob Smith, Nathaniel Pope, and Hannah Wright lived some time at the Falls of Paint, in Ross county, from which place Hannah Wright, with her family, moved to Harden's Creek in this year, 1802. Jacob Smith and family moved to the vicinity of Waynesville, (date unknown.) In the summer of this year a committee from Westland, Pennsylvania, visited Friends at Waynesville, approved of the meeting, and a further privilege was granted them of holding a week-day meeting also, and to be called Miami Meeting.

In the spring of 1803, Jesse Baldwin, Evan Evans, John Bowater Beals, John Crew, with their families, moved to Lee's and Harden's Creeks.

In the summer of 1803 a committee from Red Stone Quarterly Meeting, Pennsylvania, visited Miami Meeting on a request for its establishment and the further privilege of holding a Preparative and Monthly Meeting. Our beloved friend Ann Taylor, lately deceased, was one of said committee, who, on her way home, held a meeting for worship at the dwelling of James Hayworth, near the east end of Leesburg - the first meeting of Friends held in those parts.

In the fall of this year William Lupton and Bathsheba his wife, and family, their son Solomon Lupton and wife Rachel, from Hopewell, Virginia, settled at Lee's Creek. On their arrival Bathsheba Lupton became concerned to encourage Friends to collect together for the purpose of holding a meeting for worship, in which our very aged friend,

Sarah Beals, heartily united. A meeting was opened the next First-day and continued to be held at William Lupton's, where James Huff's brick house now stands, and at John Beals, where Daniel Burges's stone house now stands, or very near it, and continued to be held on First-day until a meeting-house was built at Fairfield.

On the 12th and 13th of Tenth Month this year, 1803, Miami Preparative and Monthly Meetings were opened, its limits extending east to Hockhocking River, south to the Ohio River, and to the north and west no bounds.

In the Fifth Month, 1804, Miami Monthly Meeting authorized Friends of Lee's Creek and Harden's Creek to hold their meetings twice a week, eastwardly from Waynesville thirty-three miles. At this place, by consent of Miami Monthly Meeting, Enos Baldwin, son of Jesse and Sarah Baldwin, and Sarah Hunt, daughter of Phineas and Elizabeth Hunt, were married, in the Eleventh Month, 1804, on the First day of the week, in a meeting held that day in the dwelling of William Lupton. These were children of the two first families of Friends that settled near each other and the first that were married in the Order of Friends in the limits of Indiana Yearly Meeting.

In Fifth Month, 1805, the Monthly Meeting privileged Friends of Todd's Fork, now Center, to hold meetings twice a week, twelve miles eastwardly from Waynesville.

The same month, if I am correct in time, Friends of West Branch were granted privilege of holding meetings twice a week, north-west thirty-four miles from Waynesville.

In Seventh Month, the same year, a meeting was granted to Friends of Elk, twenty-five miles west of Waynesville.

In Tenth Month, same year, a meeting was granted at Caesar's Creek, six miles north-east.

In Fourth Month, 1806, a meeting was granted at Turtle Creek, six miles south-west.

In Seventh Month, same year, a meeting was granted at Clear Creek, Highland county, south-east thirty-four miles.

In Ninth Month, same year, a meeting was granted at Fall Creek, in same county, south-east forty miles from Waynesville.

In Tenth Month, same year, a meeting was granted at Ludlow's Creek, now Union, forty miles north-west.

In Twelfth Month, the same year, 1806, Red Stone Quarterly Meeting established Elk preparative and meeting for worship, West Branch monthly preparative and meeting for worship, Center Monthly Meeting alternately at Caesar's Creek, and a preparative and meeting for worship at each place.

In Eighth Month, 1807, a meeting was granted at Hopewell, twelve miles south of Waynesville.

In Ninth Month, same year, 1807, Red Stone Quarterly Meeting established Fairfield Monthly Meeting alternately, at Clear Creek, a preparative, and meeting for worship at Fairfield; Clear Creek preparative, alternately at Fall Creek, and a meeting for worship at each of those places.

In Tenth Month, same year, 1807, Miami Monthly Meeting granted a meeting at Mad River, now Goshen, north-east fifty-five miles from Waynesville, and in Tenth Month, 1808, granted a meeting at Darby Creek, some five miles north-east from Goshen.

In Tenth Month, 1808, Baltimore Yearly Meeting established Miami Quarterly Meeting in Waynesville.

In the year 1811 Baltimore Yearly Meeting established West Branch Quarterly Meeting, which was held part of the time at White Water,

now Richmond, Indiana.

In the year 1812, the writer of the foregoing attended Baltimore Yearly Meeting, when a committee reported that West Branch Quarterly Meeting had been opened according to direction, but no report from said meeting was received. At that time Ohio Yearly Meeting was set off, embracing the meetings belonging to Red Stone Quarterly Meeting, Pennsylvania; all the meetings in the State of Ohio, and the only one then in Indiana, White Water. The Yearly Meeting of Ohio was opened and held at Short Creek, near Mt. Pleasant, in the Eighth Month, 1813.

I will here state that a few weeks before the Yearly Meeting, and shortly before the writer of this reached the place, Sarah Beals, the widow of Thomas Beals, deceased, on the 7th of the Seventh Month 1813, died, aged 89 years, and was buried at Fairfield.

One circumstance, rather remarkable, I will relate here: After the lapse of many years, and various removals of the parties, Beverly Milner, the young man that was convinced in the Fort, settled near the last residence of Sarah Beals, and, without doubt, attended her interment; and, I may further add to the former statement, that, after he became too feeble to attend meeting, he was very much engaged in exhortation, prayer and praise, often alluding to the ministry of that heavenly man by which he was convinced; that it was "no cunningly devised fable," but living and substantial truth. He died in great peace of mind, nearly 87 years of age, in 1843, and was buried at the same place - Fairfield.

In the year 1814 Ohio Yearly Meeting established Fairfield Quarterly Meeting, which was opened in Second Month, 1815.

Indiana Yearly Meeting was first held in the fall of 1821.

Western Yearly Meeting was first held in the Ninth Month, 1859.

Iowa Yearly Meeting was to be held in the fall of this year 1863.

I have now brought the foregoing account to a close, which has rested on my mind for many years, and I think it may be relied on as being very nearly correct, as much so as any well could be of so long a series of years. I have been nearly fifty years obtaining the items of which the account is composed. I have had a large acquaintance from early life with very many of the nearest relations of Thomas Beals, and have seen all the ministers, or nearly so, mentioned in this memoranda that lived in my day. I lived neighbor to several of those who settled at Quaker Bottom and at High Bank. Was some acquainted with George Harlen; was much acquainted at Waynesville with the first settlers there; had some acquaintance with Joseph Mills, brother to William Hunt's wife, and a very long acquaintance with his widow, Hannah Mills, who not long since deceased, at the advanced age of ninety-four years, from whom I received much reliable information. I could state many other opportunities I have had of obtaining correct information, but do not wish to enlarge.

I now feel satisfied that I have nearly discharged a little legacy of good-will to the many descendants of John Beals in general, as well as those descended from his son, Thomas Beals; and to the Society of Friends at large - a people whom I have dearly loved from my youth to the present day - I can confidently leave this as a true and solid foundation on which a history of the Society in a future day may be based.

I wish to say here that I have not designed to cover any part of the territory of Ohio Yearly Meeting. If any settlements of Friends were made, or any meetings held there, before my dates, I hope Friends there will hold me excused. I do not recollect the date of dear David Graves's meeting at Jehu Colson's, nor at this moment that of meetings held in the tent of our beloved friends Jonathan and Ann Taylor - the latter very lately deceased - of that Yearly Meeting, but think they were both since 1799; at least since 1775, the date of Thomas Beals's first visit to Ohio.

I will, before I close, give a very brief statement of the last residence of the first Friends that crossed the Ohio River, in addition to those already mentioned. I will say first that I do not know where William Hiatt died - one of the first - but I suppose either in Virginia or North Carolina.

Bowater Sumner, an Elder, a nephew to Thomas Beals, died at Fall Creek, Ohio.

David Ballard, the youngest of the four first, died near Wilmington, Clinton county, Ohio, then a minister very advanced in age.

I do not know where William Robinson died, but presume it was in Grayson county, Virginia, or North Carolina.

George Harlin and wife died near Waynesville, both respectable members of the Society, but of their children none remained members.

Jesse Baldwin, after serving his friends in various ways, and the Society in many places, spending a portion of his time in instructing the Indians of Wapakonetta, and faithfully bearing his testimony for the doctrine of Christianity in time of sore conflict in the Society of Friends, his useful life closed in much peace, in the limits of Goshen Monthly Meeting, Logan county, Ohio, in advanced age.

Phineas Hunt, in latter life, withdrew for a time from Friends, but was in a very remarkable manner favored to see his error, and condemned, in all its parts, that spirit that caused the separation. It was the privilege of the writer to spend a few minutes with him and his wife in their very advanced age, not long before his close. It was among the sweet moments of my life. His countenance shone with brightness while he declared the love and mercy of the Savior and his confidence in him, I thought they were both very near the kingdom, though he was not a member.

Daniel Beals died in Randolph county, Indiana; John Beals died in

Hamilton county, Indiana.

Enoch Cox died in Indiana.

Nathaniel Pope died at Clear Creek, Highland county, Ohio.

Obediah Overman died at Fall Creek, in said county, in 1841, aged ninety-three years.

Abigail Overman died at the same place, in 1834, aged eighty-five years.

Evan Evans died at Fairfield, same county, in 1847, aged near ninety-five years.

Hannah Wright died at Harden's Creek, same county, in 1855, aged ninety-five years.

John Winder died in 1819, aged eighty-two years, at Dry Run, near Chillicothe, Ohio.

William Lupton and John Crew died a few years after their arrival in Ohio.

Bathsheba Lupton died at Fairfield, in 1847, in the eighty-seventh year of her age.

Abijah O'Neal died in Clinton county, somewhat advanced in age, and was brought home and buried in Waynesville, near his residence.

Samuel Kelly died near Waynesville, in a very advanced age.

David Pugh died in Cincinnati, an old man.

Joseph Cloud died near Waynesville in advanced age.

Jacob Jackson died at Martinsville, Clinton county, ninety-six years of age.

Rolen Richards died in Cincinnati, in a very advanced age.

Levi Lukens died in the vicinity of Waynesville, about the year 1860, I believe over ninety years old.

David Painter, David Faulkner, and their wives, died in the limits of

Center Monthly Meeting, Ohio.

William Walker and wife died within the limits of Springfield Monthly Meeting, in the same county, all in good old age.

Samuel Scooley died at Fairfield, Ohio, quite old.

Several individuals whose names are entered as early settlers, and their deaths noticed, left society in the time of separation, but as they have passed away, I have not thought best to name them in this memoranda, but sincerely hoping they were accepted at last.

I will now close this account in saying that I have no selfish view connected with it, but can truly say I feel thankful to our Father in heaven, that he has continued to preserve this people through the various trials to which they have been subjected, and blessed them with great increase in this land, not only in number, but with a growth in the life and power of true religion and great increase of living ministry, and that so very large a number of descendants of the subjects of the foregoing narrative are at this day faithful friends and laborers for the cause of Christ, our holy Redeemer.

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